

discussed in detail, and the relationships of the different forms carefully considered.

In Part III the Rails and their allies are similarly treated, of which four species are referred to *Porzana*, one to *Rallus*, one to *Gallinex*, one (o presumed occurrence) to *Amaurornis*, one to *Gallinula*, and one to *Fulica*.

Dr. Stejneger has also published a paper on a collection of birds made in the Liu Kiu Islands, Japan, by Mr. M. Namiye,* containing descriptions of five new species and one new genus, as follows: *Treron permagna*, *Hypsipetes pryeri*, *Icoturus namiyei* (gen. et. sp. nov.), *Chelidon namiyei*, and *Pericrocotus tegimæ*. *Megascops elegans* (Cass.) is added to the Japanese fauna, and its relationship to *M. japonicus* is discussed at length.—J. A. A.

Blakiston on the Water-Birds of Japan.†—In a paper of nine pages Mr. Blakiston discusses in a very interesting way, the distribution of the Water Birds of Japan, the character of their distribution being indicated by two tables, prefaced by three pages of explanatory remarks and a discussion of the facts presented in tabular form. The first table includes all the Water Birds of Japan, including the Kurils, Bonins, and other outlying islands. The 94 species are arranged in four columns, according to their distribution, as 'circumpolar', 'Palæarctic', 'East Asiatic', or 'Pacific'. The second table exhibits, so far as available data will permit, "the distribution of Sea-birds peculiar to the North Pacific." These, numbering 60 species, are distributed in three columns, under the heads 'Only on the Asiatic side', 'Common to both sides', and 'Only on the American side'. From this table it appears that twice as many birds are peculiar to the American side as to the Asiatic side, but this disproportion, as Mr. Blakiston observes, may be more apparent than real, owing to the ornithology of the eastern side being much better known than that of the western side. The tables are followed by several pages of critical and technical remarks on many of the species enumerated.—J. A. A.

Wells and Lawrence on the Birds of Grenada, West Indies.—For the last three years Mr. Wells has been sending specimens of the birds of the Island of Grenada, West Indies, to Mr. Lawrence for identification, from which has resulted the present 'Catalogue'‡ of ninety-two species of the birds of the island. As Mr. Lawrence states, in a prefatory note, "Mr. Wells enumerates thirty-eight species more than are given by Mr. Ober in his catalogue of the birds of Grenada. He procured all the species obtained or seen by Mr. Ober, and four he had not identified have been determined.

* On a Collection of Birds made by Mr. M. Namiye, in the Liu Kiu Islands, Japan, with descriptions of new species. *Ibid.*, pp. 634-651. (Dated Feb. 14, 1887; received March 17, 1887.)

† Water-Birds of Japan. By J. W. Blakiston. *Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus.*, 1886, pp. 652-660.

‡ A Catalogue of the Birds of Grenada, West Indies, with observations thereon. By John Grant Wells, of Grenada. Edited by George N. Lawrence. *Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus.*, 1886, pp. 609-633. Signatures dated Feb. 11, 1887.

Of most of the species he has given very full and interesting notes of their habits. Mr. Wells has proved himself to be a most diligent collector and careful investigator, the result being, besides the greatly increased number of birds added to the fauna of Grenada, the discovery of three species new to science and of eleven species not before noted from the Lesser Antilles."

Mr. Wells's very full and interesting biographical notes are often supplemented by technical remarks by Mr. Lawrence, including the description of one new species (*Blacicus flaviventris*), and of the male of *Engyptila wellsii*. Mr. Lawrence has since described a fourth species (*Margarops albiventris*),* making twelve species described by Mr. Lawrence from collections made by Messrs. Ober and Wells in the Island of Grenada.—J.A.A.

Ridgway Ornithological Club.—Bulletin No. 2 of this Club, which seems to be in a prosperous state, contains a short history of the Club, by the editor, Geo. L. Toppan, the Constitution and By-Laws, and the following papers: 'Notes and Observations on the Ornithology of Corpus Christi and Vicinity, Texas,' by Josiah L. Hancock; an annotated list of 91 species observed from March 16 to April 1, 1884. 'Geographical Variations between *Chondestes grammacus* (Say) and *Chondestes grammacus strigatus* (Swains.),' by H. K. Coale, in which the distinctness of the two forms is maintained. 'List of the Birds found breeding within the corporate limits of Mt. Carmel, Illinois,' by Robert Ridgway, noting 85 species, and concluding with a comparison of the breeding birds of that locality and of Washington City. The number of breeders in the vicinity of Mt. Carmel is stated to be 122; of Washington, 106. 'Notes on the Birds of Southern California and Southwestern Arizona,' by G. Frean Morcom; 139 spp., with extended observations on certain Hummingbirds. '*Ammodramus beldingi* Ridgw. (Belding's Marsh Sparrow),' by B. T. Gault, descriptive and biographical. 'A Contribution to our knowledge of Albinism,' by Geo. L. Toppan; discussion of this affection and list of upwards of 150 species in which it has been observed. '*Dryobates nuttallii* (Gamb.) Nuttall's Woodpecker,' by B. T. Gault; biographical. 'Description of a new species and subspecies of the genus *Dendroica*,' by H. K. Coale. The latter is *D. æstiva morcomi*, p. 82, from the western province of North America; the former is *D. dugesi*, p. 83, from Guanajuato, Mexico.—A list of officers, etc., closes this interesting Bulletin.—E. C.

Publications Received.—Blasius, Rudolf. (1) Der Wanderzug der Tannenheher durch Europa im Herbste 1885 und Winter 1885-86. Eine monographische Studie. (Ornis, Jahr. II, 4 Heft.)

Carpenter, F. H. A record of the breeding of *Vireo solitarius*, *Spiza americana*, and *Dendroica carulescens* in Bristol County, Mass. (Publ. Bristol Co. Orn. Club, No. 3, 1887.)

Clark, Hubert L. The Birds of Amherst and Vicinity, including nearly the whole of Hampshire County, Mass. Amherst, Mass., 1887, Svo. pp. 56.

*Description of a New Species of Thrush from the Island of Grenada, West Indies by George N. Lawrence. Ann. New York Acad. Sci., Vol. IV, 1886, pp. 23, 24.